

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This response is made to the most recent rejection dated July 10, 2008. Once again the Examiner has ignored the appropriate orientation of the elements of the claims. Claims 20-37 stand rejected under 35 USC 102 (e), using the Globerman reference. Yet, it has become clear that the Examiner cannot find all of the elements of the present claims in Globerman, since in *both* of the last two rejections, he has been forced to characterize certain elements in contradiction of the claims, while continuing to allege that all elements of the claims are met.

In reviewing the Examiner's latest rejection, it is noted that the Examiner has fully mischaracterized the Globerman reference, in that he has identified *both* the "circumferentially spaced struts" and the "connectors" *as the same elements*, that is, "circumferential springs" In other words, in this rejection, he has not identified the "connector members." It is clear that from claims 20 and 29, these all of these elements are not identically claimed. Again, it becomes clear that the Examiner has an orientation dilemma when characterizing Globerman. In this light, it is submitted that the Globerman reference could not possibly be applied to read on the present claims, and that the claims should certainly pass to allowance.

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time. Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/JJI0049USCON/PAC for any such fees.

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